## IN THE SOCIAL REALM.

BY MRS. GEORGE C. BALL

#### Architecture a Remunerative **Business for Women**

It is always a pleasure to write of the success of women in all lines of work, but especially in that of architecture.

From the fact that it is the women who generally make a home happy or otherwise and who are rendered comfortable or uncomfortable by the plans of a house, it is passing strange that more feminine talent has not been directed towards the inviting field of architecture.

A man usually has very satisfactory ideas about plumbing, about the cost of his home, etc., but until he lives in his house he rarely realizes how essential certain closets are; how necessary pantries are and what the sizes of his rooms will be when represented on paper by so many figures.

With a woman it is different. The little comforts of home are the big things in life to her, and, understanding the details of housekeeping as she does, she is by nature and experience peculiarly fitted for the planning of houses. It is pleasant, remunerative work, and affords opportunity for the gratification of artistic tastes and temperaments as few other professions do.

Miss Elise Mercur of Pittsburg is one of the best-known and most successful women architects of this country, and her career is somewhat familiar to southerners, as she designed the woman's building of the Atlanta exposition.

But the following account of her achievements, recently published in an exchange, will be of interest to men and women alike. who rejoice in the success of a brave, ambitious woman:

A young woman who draws plans for large buildings, oversees the work of buliders and gets as much money for her efforts is Miss Elise Mercur of Pittsburg. She comes from a prominent Pennsylvania family, being a niece of former Chief Jus tice Mercur of the Pennsylvania state supreme court.

Miss Mercur enjoys the distinction of be ing the only woman architect of prominence in the country. She designed the woman's building at the Atlanta exposition, and is at present working on a \$60,000 addition to the Washington (Pa.) Female Seminary. She planned St. Paul's Episcopal church, Pittsburg: St. Martin's Episcopal church, at Johnsonburg, Pa., and also designed the children's building at the new Pittsburg

To a representative of the World Miss Mercur said she "broke into" the architectural business by first becoming a draughtsman or draughtswoman. She had always a taste for mathematics, and liked drawing so well that after being in the office of a prominent Pittsburg architect for a year she was promoted to the position of foreman. She then went out on work, overseeing and inspecting the laying of founda tions, erecting buildings, etc. It is her custom when employed on a building to engage living quarters in the immediate vicinity and stay there during the progress of the work. As soon as the workmen on the building begin their labors Miss Mercur is on hand and personally sees almost every nail driven into the structure. In this way she acquires practical knewledge possessed

by few male architects. Miss Mercur is a specialist on heating, plumbing and ventilation. On this subject she delivered a lecture before the Pratt institute in Brooklyn last winter. She frequently lectures before the Civic, Twentieth Century and other women's clubs of Pittsburg, trying to make women realize of ventilation. If the wo men understand this science, she says, they will teach it to the men.

Miss Mercur has offices in the Time building, Pittsburg, and employs three draughtsmen. She said: "I seemed to take naturally to the business. With my brothers I was educated abroad. After my father had lost a fortune and died I decided I would not be a burden on my brothers, and struck out for myself. I have all the work I can do. For doing men's work I always insist upon getting men's prices. I never accept an assignment for less than 5 per cent. I never have any trouble Contractors who have worked under me know that I won't stand any 'monkeying,' and do not try to fool me with poor material, careless work, etc. While I am willing to do what is right, I generally make them live up to the specifications, and any work done improperly has to be gone over again. Women, you know, are harder to please than men, and this is the reason. I think, I find contractors exerting themselves to please me. They know I will not pass their work

unless it is done properly.' Miss Clara Meade, of Chicago, has the contract for the erection of the female seminary addition at Washington. She personally directs the work of her men on the building. It is an odd sight to see Miss Mercur and Miss Meade on the top of the building, one superintending and the other

overseeing. In most of the larger cities women are rapidly becoming interested in the study of architecture, and Miss Mercur is probably a pioneer in a line where many will soon follow her. Any architect will admit that his profession is one particularly well suited to women, in that it affords scope for clever mental work and hides the disagreeable sides of life. And any clever woman is very naturally attracted by the idea of planning buildings that shall be a memorial to her name.

#### Training Schools For

The Education of Nurses

The constantly increasing demand for trained nurses in the homes of the country, as well as in the hospitals and infirmaries, is an incentive to young women to enter schools for instruction and training.

Many of the most charming and tenderly reared women of the country have become trained nurses, and have devoted their lives to the alleviation of pain and disease. Many of these nurses have inherited a talent for medicine from fathers who were physicians, and they have added to their intellectual tendency all the gentleness of refined womanhood. An exchange gives the following data regarding the growth

of this profession for women: One of the features of the present decade is development of the trained nurse system. From a mere experiment it has become a very powerful influence in the professional world. There are now about 180 schools and over five thousand students, and the number of schools and scholars is

constantly growing. Since the beginning of the movement more than twenty thousand women have matriculated in these institutions and about five hundred in the Dominion of Canada. Nearly all of these have secured employment and the supply is still so much smaller than the demand that many philanthropic organiza-tions have started classes in scientific nurs-

ing in the large cities, which are well attended in almost every instance.

As the number of physicians and surgeons is about one hundred and twenty-five thousand, of whom fifteen thousand are women, it is clear that this new movement is clear that this new movement is clear that this new movement. ment is proving of the greatest benefit to the sex. The tendency noticeable in every part of the country is toward higher and more difficult standards for medical practitioners and a diminished ratio in the increase of that profession. This acts as an incentive to the growth of the trained nurse swstem and the establishment of a new professional class.

The latest event in this world of activity is the formation of an Alumni associa-

ty is the formation of an Alumni associa-tion of the Training School for Nurses of St. Luke's hospital. This is one of the great hospitals of the country and one of the best schools. It has an average mem-bership of about sixty, and graduates between fifteen and twenty annually. The new association consists of alumnae who are actively engaged in their calling. All admitted as honorary members merely. It has about fifty members and the following board of officers: Honorary the folowing board of officers: Honorary president, Mrs. L. W. Quintard; president, Miss Katherine M. Pierce; fist vice-president, Mrs. Hermine Stone; second vice-president, Mrs. Harriet M. Lord; secretary, Miss Mary A. Mitchell; assistant secretary, Miss Florence E. Tomson; treasurer, Miss J. L. Roberts. The association meets in the hospital building and endeavors to foster social relations among members, to establish a sinking fund for the benefit of sick and infirm nurses, to keep the memsick and infirm nurses, to keep the mem-bers informed as to new discoveries in the profession and to raise the standards of nursing throughout the union. It is distinct from the two nurses club of this city, but is dedicated to the same end.

visiting Mrs. W. W. Crawford on the South Highlands. Mrs. Cherry is Mrs. Crawford's mother.

The members of the Tuesday Whist club were the guests of Mrs. E. H. Cabaniss yesterday afternoon. The prize, a lovely water color, was won by Mrs. W. G. Estes. After enjoying refreshments, the club adjourned to meet next with Mrs. H, K. White.

Mrs. David Roberts has issued cards to an afternoon reception, complimentary to Mrs. C. P. Perin for Friday, Jan. 21, from

Maj. and Mrs. Willis J. Milner and Miss Mary Clare Milner left yesterday for a visit of a few weeks to Floriaa. Mrs. James L. Tanner has returned from

a visit to her mother at Gadsden. The members of St. Agnes Guild, Church of the Advent, are requested to attend an important meeting this afternoon at 3

The young gentlemen known as the 'Kids," who will soon give a swell cotillion at the Florence hotel, are not members of the Chesterfield club. The two organizations are separate and distinct.

o'clock at the church.

The Nineteenth Century club met yesterday afternoon with Miss Bertha Lewis at Edgewood Station, South Highlands. The following was the programme rendered: "Sketches of Noted Sisters of Charity,"

by Miss Virginia Walker. "Comparison of St. Katherine and St. Cecilia," by Miss Lutie Sharpe.

Reading-"Legend of a Saint," by Miss Susie Haas. "Custom of Canonization," discussed by

the club, lead by Miss Emily Koenig. The members of the Nineteenth Century will be the guests of Miss Janie McLester at the next meeting.

Yesterday afternoon there was held an important meeting of the members of the Creche at Mrs. J. T. Nixon's. Business which portended much good to this worthy charity was transacted, and the annual

### ETHEL BARRYMORE TO WED SIR HENRY IRVING'S SON.

THE YOUNG AMERICAN ACTRESS AND HER PROSPECTIVE BRIDEGROOM.



daughter of Maurice Barrymore, and niece of John Drew, to Learence Irving, son of Sir Henry Irving, will be formally announced in a day or two in London.

Laurence Irving is the author of "Peter the Great," now being produced at the Lyceum, his faither's theater, and owing to a slight indisposition of Henry Irving, he has been playing his father's part for the nent part in the cast.

This charming young actress has achieved the most remarkable social success during her brief career in England of any woman on the stage. She went to London last summer with the "Secret Services" vice" company, and was at once taken up by this Duchess of Manchester. The rest of the theatrical world noted with awe that she was the only actress present at the queen's famous garden party at Buck-ingham palace in celebration of the Diamond Jubilice.

Young as she is, Miss Barrymore has had many suitors for her hand, the young Duke of Manchester being particularly ardent in his attentions. Laurence Irving is considered a young

man of brilliant possibilities. He is about twenty-five years old, and, while critics do not admit that his "Peter the Great" is a great play, they are unanimous in the opinion that it gives promise of extraodi-nary dramatic talent on the part of the

The wedding of Miss Barrymore and Mr. Irving will probably take place soon after Caster.

Miss Barrymore's acquaintance with Sir Miss Barrymore had been engaged.

The association has followed in the footsteps of the other alumnae societies, of which there are now some forty. The lead-ers are endeavoring to have each school organize its graduates and then to federate lowing result: President, Mrs. Richard F. Johnston (re-elected); first

the various alumnae associations so as to form a centralized and harmonious body. This would enble nurses in out-of-the-way places to keep in touch with their colleagues in the great cities, and would serve to raise the calling in the esteem of its members, as well as of the public at large. At the present rate of progres there will be at least thirty thousand women eligible for membership before the close of the century, a much larger body than was the medical fraternity or even the legal one in the meddle of the century.

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Birmingham and Elsewhere Miss Mary Virginia Graves leaves Thursday for Washington to spend several weeks in that city with relatives.

Mr. Benton Cain will leave for New York tomorrow, where he will in future reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Percy left yesterday afternoon for a visit of several days at New Orleans.

The Highland Book club will be entertained this morning by Mrs. N. E. Barker at 10:30 o'clock at her home in Nineteenth street, South Highlands.

Mrs. J. M. Southerlin, who has been the guest of her grand daughter, Mrs. E. W. Barrett, for several weeks, leaves this morning for her home at Danville, Va.

This afternoon from 8 to 5 o'clock Mrs. Harrison Rufus Johnston will entertain her friends at a handsome reception at her home on the South Highlands.

Mrs. Edgar Cherry and son, of Savannah, Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.

election of officers occurred with the fol-

Henry Irving and Miss Terry dates from her appearance in a very small part in "Rosemary," when it was produced by her

uncle, John Drew, in London last spring. She had begun her artistic career with her uncle, Sydney Drew, who died a few

uncle, Sydney Drew, who died a few months ago. She played Lucy in "The Rivals," but the tour was a short one, and when she returned to New York John Drew, in order to keep her near him, offer-

ed her the small part. She was then only 15 years old, but acquitted herself so well that when Charles Frohman sent "Secret Service" to England, he engaged Miss Bar-

service to England, he engaged miss Barrymore for one of the minor parts.

She received a good deal of attention even in this, but one evening Miss Odette Tyler was ill and Miss Barrymore, who was her understudy, took her part. It happened that Sir Henry Irving and Miss Ellen Terry received a how that same evening and

occupied a box that same evening, and when watching her, Sir Henry exclaimed: "Why, that is the very woman we want in 'Peter the Great."

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Nothing was, however, said about it until the day before Miss Barrymore was to sail for America, where she wanted to go to her grandmother, who was then very ill at Larchmont, N. Y. It was only a few hours before she was to leave for Liverpool that she received a letter from Miss Terry, asking her to call on her before she sailed for home. Miss Barrymore went at once, Miss Terry sent for Sir Henry Irving and soon Miss Barrymore had been engaged.

vice-president, Miss Bernstein; second vice-president, Miss Annie Redd: treasurer, Mrs. Henry B. Gray secretary, Mrs. Richard Randolph; corresponding secretary, Miss Eloise Johnston advisory board, Mrs. Charles O. Locke Mrs. Wilmer Beard, Mrs. Sam Adler, Miss Kate Rogan and Miss Daisy Moody.

It was decided yesterday afternoon tha a very unique entertainment for the benefit of the Creche will be given immediately after Lent. The next meeting will occur the first Tuesday in February with the president, Mrs. Johnston, at Mrs. Nixon's, and as matters of great importance are to be considered, every member is urged to be present.

history under the most fortunate auspices, and with a board of officers and managers which could not be surpassed. This noble charity is moving steadily forward under a wise and energetic management, and its future is assured.

The Phoneix club was "at home" to its friends last evening and entertained at whist. Quite a large crowd was present, and the contest for the handsome prizes was lively and spirited. Miss Retta Levy won the ladies' prize, a beautiful bust of Mozart and Sidney H. J. Hart the gentleman's prize, an elegant silver shaving set. After the contest an elegant lunch was served in the dining room of the club and dancing was the order. The evening's entertainment was in keeping with the enjoyable functions of the Phoenix.

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#### WERE HOT TIMES

IN THE HOUSE

(Continued From First Page.)

Mr. Colson concluded his remarks by de claring that he should vote to uphold the decision of the chair. "But I' warn my republican friends," he added, "that we have delayed too long the recognition of the insurgents. If we do not act we will be swept out of power. And if we are not given the opportunity to act, I, for one, will join any revolutionary tactics in order to cast my vote for Cuban independence. (General applause.)

After some remarks by Mr. Grow, (rep.) of Pennsylvania, there were cries of "vote," "vote," from the republican side. But the debate proceeded for some time. When Mr. Hitt moved to close debate on the pending paragraph, Mr. Bailey attempted to make the point of order that the question was on the appeal and not on the paragraph, and that Mr. Hitt's motion was not out of order, but Mr Hepburn, who was in the chair, held that Mr. Bailey's point of order came too late. This announcement was greeted with democratic jeers.

'I would appeal from that decision," said Mr. Bailey, "were it not that two appeals are not in order at the same time. There was no break in party lines on this

motion, which was sustained, 153 to 118. Speaker Reed marched through the tellers with the majority.

The question then recurred on the appeal from the decision of the chair. A solitary democrat, Fleming, of Georgia, voted with the republicans to sustain the chair. No republicans voted with the minority. The chair was sustained, 152 to 114.

No applause marked the announcement. The clerk proceeded with the reading, but at the next paragraph, appropriating \$175,000 for ambassadors to Great Britain, Germany and France, Mr. Williams, (dem.) of Mississippi, moved an amendment to appropriate \$5,000 for an envoy extraordinary to the republic of Cuba. The democrats

Mr. Hitt raised the point of order that

Mr. Williams argued that as there was no law on the subject there could not be a change of existing law.

Upon this amendment Mr. DeArmond also urged the members to assert themselves and overrule the rules. If the republicans did not, he said, they must accept the responsibility.

"In the presence of your master, ruler and leader," he shouted, "in whose presence you scarcely dare to think, I ask you to give freedom and liberty to Cuba or meet your outraged constituency. Let us see which course you will follow." (Uprearious democratic applause.)

The chair then sustained the point of order and on motion of Mr. Hitt the committee rose.

The Indian appropriation bill was presented and at 5:05 p. m. the house ad-

#### IN THE SENATE.

Washington, Jan. 18 .- Mr. Gallinger, of the committee on public health and national quarantine, today reported favorably to the senate a bill providing for an investigation of the subject of leprosy, and it was placed on the calendar.

Mr. Vest, of Missouri, for the finance committee, reported the Teller resolution which was adopted by that committee today, and gave notice that he would call it up at an early date.

Mr. Platt, of Connecticut, and Mr. Morrill desired it to be understood that the report of the committee on finance, relative to the Teller resolution, was not unani-

Mr. Daniel, of Virginia, secured the adoption of a resolution directing the secretary of state to supply the senate any inspecting the killing of Frank Epps, a sailor of the United States ship Olympia, by Japanese subjects in the harbor of Nagasaki, Japan, in December, 1897, and to in-form the senate if any steps have been taken looking to the reparation.

The resolution presented to the senate yesterday calling upon the secretary of yesterday calling upon the secretary of the treasury for reasons why the item of \$11,000,000 due the United States from the Pacific railroads had been dropped from his statement, which went over under objection, was agreed to.

#### Allen's Resolution

Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, called up his resolution calling for an investigation by the pension committee as to the authority of the commissioner of pensions to pro-mulgate an order that no consideration should be given to applications for increases of pensions within twelve months after the last application had been made.

Mr. Gallinger, chairman of the pension
committee, announced that he believed the esolution to be entirely proper and it was

agreed to.

In accordance with notice previously given, Mr. Hale, of Maine, called up the urgent deficiency bill. The bill as it passed the house carried \$1,741,843; as it was reported to the senate it carries \$1,-891,923, an increase of \$150,080. At 4:45 the senate adjourned.

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of the stomach.

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